

January 24, 2003

Federal Communications Commission
Commission Secretary, Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce has long been a supporter of full and fair competition in the marketplace. I am very pleased to inform you that our Chamber also supports increased competition in the long distance market in Michigan.

On January 23, the Board of Directors of the Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce endorsed a positive recommendation by the Michigan Public Service Commission and the approval by the Federal Communications Commission of SBC Ameritech's application to offer long distance services in Michigan. As a business organization, the Chamber believes that a fully competitive telecommunications market will benefit our members. Based on our understanding of the benefits of increased competition in other states where such long distance approval has been granted, we would expect Michigan business and residential consumers to similarly benefit from the increased savings and choice of providers.

Please keep the Chamber informed on your efforts with this issue. We hope that the continued success of your company will position it to remain one of this community's outstanding corporate citizens and a continued supporter of the Chamber.

Sincerely,

Grace M. Shore
President